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SECTION 41.2 NOTES AND EXHIBIT I THROUGH VII

MAJOR CHANGES

1. N1.1 is revised to move the list of commonwealth countries (formerly Exhibit IV) to Exhibit I.
2. N3.1 is revised and a list of countries not eligible for transit without visa (TWOV) and a list of countries which are eligible for TWOV on the basis of reciprocity is now shown in Exhibit II.
3. N3.2 is revised. The INS regulations 8 CFR 214.2(c)(1) regarding the conditions under which TWOV is authorized and the ports of entry where transit without visa can be made has been moved to Exhibit III.
4. N4 is revised to move the list of Signatory Transportation Lines to Exhibit V.
5. N11 is amended to reflect the extension of the VWPP through September 30, 1997, the removal of the eight country cap, and the creation and repeal of a probationary status for VWPP participants.
6. N11.2-1, N11.2-2 and N11.2-3 have been added and provide eligibility requirements for VWPP applicants arriving by air, sea, or land.
7. N11.11 is added to provide information on the maintenance of status requirements under the VWPP.
8. N13 is amended to replace reference to the Canada Free Trade Agreement with the North American Free Trade Agreement.
9. Exhibit I (formerly Exhibit IV) has been updated and renumbered.

10. Exhibit II is a new exhibit that lists those countries which are ineligible for TWOV and those countries eligible on the basis of reciprocity.

11. Exhibit III contains information excerpted from 8 CFR 214 (formerly part of N3).

12. Exhibit IV (formerly Exhibit I) has been updated and redesignated.

13. Exhibit V (formerly Exhibit II) has been amended to add Taiwan to the list of countries eligible for Guam visa waiver.

14. Exhibit VI is a new exhibit listing those countries eligible for VWPP.

15. Exhibit VII (formerly Exhibit III) has been updated and redesignated.

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